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E.O. 11652: GDS-1
TAGS: PFOR, PP
SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PEKING

REF: HONG KONG 1842; PORT MORESBY 0232

1. BEGIN XGDS-1. IMPRESSION I HAVE RECEIVED FROM DFRT, CONFIRMED BY LAVATT IN AUSTRALIAN OFFICE, IS THAT PNG HAS NOT YET MADE DECISION RE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF PEKING.
2. DECISION WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY CABINET WHICH IS FAR TOO OCCUPIED WITH PRESSING DOMESTIC MATTERS, INCLUDING CONSTITUTION, ORGANIC LAWS AND SELECTION OF HEAD OF STATE TO FOCUS ON THIS ISSUE PERHAPS FOR NEXT FEW MONTHS.
3. DECISION WILL BE INFLUENCED BY VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION FONMIN KIKI RECEIVED FROM HIS TRIP TO CHINA, AND BY DEGREE OF PNG RESENTMENT AGAINST TAIWANESE AND JAPANESE. THE QUESTION OF CHINESE COMPETITION TO
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JAPANESE (AND AUSTRALIAN AND OTHER) ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

HERE WILL BE A TWO-EDGED SWORD. SOME CABINET MEMBERS
WILL PROBABLY WELCOME SUCH COMPETITION, BUT
OTHERS WILL NOT. COMMERCIAL RELATIONS (ALLEGEDLY
INCLUDING BRIBERY) OF SOME CABINET MEMBERS WITH
JAPANESE AND TAIWANESE BUSINESS INTERESTS HERE MAY
LEAD THEM TO EXERT PRESSURES AGAINST RECOGNITION OF
CHINA. RECOGNITION IS LIKELY, BUT WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE
DELAYS AND SOME PULLING AND HAULING FIRST. END XGDS-1.
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